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A.R.C. Gloria returns to Aruba's shores



One of the world's impressive Tall Ships, of the Armada de la República de Colombia-A.R.C. Gloria, is back in Aruba's harbor for its first three-day visit since 2007. Under the command of Captain Guillermo Laverde

Rendon, the official training vessel of the Colombian Navy, commissioned for the first time in 1968, accepted visitors yesterday afternoon and conducted tours.

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Bilbao it first set sail in September of 1968. When A.R.C. Gloria first visited Aruba in 2007 she was returning from a training voyage that circumnavigated the globe; this visit is only a few weeks, with a return to Santa Marta and the ship's home port of Barranquilla to take on new students. A crew of 70 and 80 students welcomed visitors on board on Friday, escorting them around the environs of the ship and explaining the routines of life at sea.

The ship is 249 feet in length, has a draft of sixteen feet, four inches and a rig length of 131 feet. When

under full sail observers can see 23 sails unfurled. Tour

guide Seaman First Class Daniel Romero explained that all ropes are pulled by hand and no winches are employed on the A.R.C. Gloria. She is named after Mrs. Gloria Zawadsky de Revéiz, wife of the past Colombian Minister of Defense. General Revéiz Pizarro.

Seaman First Class Romero reported the ship had just circumnavigated Latin America, competing with many other tall ships in various regattas during its journey. It was an impressive sight in Oranjestad Harbor attracting the attention of island visitors and residents alike.

Busted well to be 'completely sealed' by Saturday: BP

WASHINGTON (AFP) – BP began pumping cement into its ruptured Gulf of Mexico well Friday as part of a final effort to permanently seal it, capping a months-long effort to end the worst maritime oil spill in history.

"It is expected that the MC252 well will be completely sealed on Saturday," after a relief well successfully intersected the shaft this week, the British energy giant said earlier.

The cementing "is expected to take a few hours," a BP spokeswoman told AFP. The company said earlier that after cementing, "standard plugging and abandonment procedures for the relief well" will go ahead before it can be completely sealed.

It said tests indicated no hydrocarbons or cement were present at the intersection of the two wells, and that a plan to pump in cement to reinforce the plug can go ahead.

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Couple tried to sell nuclear arms secrets to Venezuela

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A scientist and his wife who both worked at the leading US nuclear research facility were arrested yesterday and charged with trying to sell secrets to Venezuela that would help it build an atomic bomb within a decade, US officials said.

The pair, both US citizens, "have been indicted on charges of communicating classified nuclear weapons data to a person they believed to be a Venezuelan government official and conspiring to participate in the development of an atomic weapon for Venezuela," the US Department of Justice said in a statement.

The defendants, Pedro Mascheroni, 75, and Marjorie Roxby Mascheroni, 67, had both worked at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in the southwestern state of New Mexico, and could face life in prison if convicted on all charges.

They had sought 793,000 dollars in payment for the restricted and classified data

which they believed they had provided to a Venezuelan contact, but who was actually an undercover FBI agent.

The Justice Department was quick to acknowledge that the indictment does not allege any wrongdoing by the Venezuelan government or anyone acting on its behalf, and also said no one currently working at Los Alamos was charged or accused of wrongdoing.

But the revelations could still sharpen relations between the United States and Venezuela, whose firebrand leftist President Hugo Chavez is a vocal critic of his US counterpart Barack Obama.

According to the statement, among the 22 indictments, the defendants are charged with "communicating 'restricted data' to an individual with the intent to injure the United States and secure an advantage to a foreign nation," conspiring to participate in development of an atomic weapon, concealing US records, and several counts of making false statements.

Pope shakes hands with Anglican clergywoman

LONDON, England (AFP) - Pope Benedict XVI publicly shook hands with a clergywoman for the first time yesterday in a historic gesture.

The Roman Catholic leader grasped the hand of Reverend Jane Hedges, a prominent Church of England figure and campaigner for the ordination of women, as he arrived at Westminster Abbey in London on the second day of his state visit to Britain.

The Vatican publicity states that female ordination is a "crime against the faith" and the pope sparked controversy last year by offering Anglicans angry at the ordination of women priests a fast-track conversion to Catholicism.

Hedges is Westminster Abbey's canon steward and the first woman to hold the post.

Her job is to welcome more than one million visitors and pilgrims each year to the abbey

-- the heart of Anglicanism -- and help them enjoy it as a living church and not just a historical monument.

Though female Anglican bishops have been ordained in North America and Australasia, Hedges could be in line to become Britain's first female bishop if the Church of England decides to permit their ordination. She has campaigned for the ordination of women bishops in the Church of England.

Flemish school accused of 'apartheid' for splitting classes

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - A Flemish primary school head has separated native Dutch-speaking children from his overwhelmingly immigrant pupils, defending his decision against the charge of "apartheid."

Two out of 17 classes in the Onze-Lieve-Vrouw school in Lokeren, a Dutch-speaking part of northern Belgium, itself divided along linguistic lines, have been reserved for Flem-

ish speakers, its head Luc Audenaert said.

Local Flemish television revealed the move, which Audenaert defended on the grounds that parents of Flemish children had asked that their children be grouped together. The school roll numbers some 70 percent of overseas origin.

Without action, Audenaert told local media, "there would only be two or three Flemish children in certain classes and

we want to avoid that," warning that departures would only accelerate the school's "ghettoisation."

Flemish education minister Pascal Smet has opened an enquiry but told Dutch-language newspaper Het Laatste Nieuws that it is "obvious that the children should be mixed, regardless of their origin."

The newspaper quoted one parent as saying "my daughter is in a multi-national class. How can she be expected to learn to speak good Dutch?"

lawyer: Holloway's mom confronts van der Sloot in prison

LIMA, Peru (AFP) - The mother of Natalee Holloway, the American student who disappeared on holiday in Aruba in 2005, entered a maximum security prison here and confronted the Dutch man suspected of killing her daughter, the man's lawyer said yesterday.

Maximo Altez said Beth Twitty got into the Castro Castro prison west of Lima with Dutch journalists who bribed prison employees to let her see Joran van der Sloot, 23, who is being held there in the killing of another young woman.

"Yes, the lady spoke to him for a minute," Altez told AFP. "Some Dutch journalists took her, bribed prison employees,

entered and tried to talk to Joran."

Twitty was face to face with van der Sloot and said something to him, but he did not respond, instead give her his lawyer's business card, Altez said.

Twitty told him that "she has no hatred in her heart and she forgives him," a prison source told AFP on condition of anonymity.

Van der Sloot has been charged with the May murder of Stephany Flores, 21, in a Lima hotel room, after being arrested in Chile and turned over to Peruvian authorities. Twitty also met with Flores' brother during her stay in Peru, their family lawyer told AFP.

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Minister Otmar Oduber announced in New York: 2011 Aruba Fashion Week 'Aruba in Style'



for Aruba as a chic and sophisticated vacation destination."

'Aruba in Style' will be a mixture of fashion shows, parties, presentations and shopping at one of the most exotic Caribbean destinations - Aruba. The event will take place at different venues around the island where fashion designers, celebrities, models

fashionistas and news media will meet and interact.

"We are very enthusiastic to work with IMG and the Aruba government. With this partnership Aruba will stand out as the leader in fashion and entertainment in the Caribbean region," spokesperson for Aruba Fashion Group, Damilice Mansur, said.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for us. Very often we look in this direction for such a fashion event. We are lucky to meet creative people in the Aruba Tourism Authority and Aruba Fashion Group, who share our vision of something sophisticated, cool and distinctive for Aruba," SVP and IMG Fashion Worldwide Managing Director Peter Levy said.

Minister Oduber on his part expressed to be confident that this event will contribute to the diversification of our tourism. More details on this event will be given next year.

Photos show moments of the announcement of 'Aruba in Style' fashion week in New York.

Recently, Minister of Labor Transport and Tourism, Otmar Oduber went to New York for different meetings and presentations. During his stay there the minister, together with ATA (Aruba Tourism Authority), IMG and Aruba Fashion Group took the opportunity to make the big announcement: Aruba's first Aruba fashion week: 'Aruba in Style.' The event will take place in 2011. IMG World-wide is a global sports, entertainment and media business, with nearly 3,000 employees operating in 30 countries around the globe.

"Aruba already has the best stores in the Caribbean offering designer brands. A partnership of 3 years was closed with Aruba and IMG.

"With the launching of the 'Aruba in Style' event we will elevate our island's reputation, making it a style and fashion mecca," the minister said. "One of our goals is to improve tourism on Aruba and by organizing such huge events it will surely bring recognition



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ORANJESTAD - The Department of Public Works, DOW, announces that on Monday, September 20, the department will start with reconstruction works at Sabana Liber. The works will begin from a part of the main road of Sabana Liber till Noord ahead of Wei Ming Supermarket.

In connection with this

DOW kindly ask all motorists to not use this part of the road. The road will be closed for all traffic from both directions which will be indicated by barricades, traffic signs and lights.

Traffic coming from the direction crossing with the traffic lights at Noord will be diverted to the dirt road next to Wei Ming Supermarket and traffic

coming from Kudawechea will be diverted to the road ahead of the house addressed Sabana Liber #59.

The reconstruction works will last 15 working days.

DOW asks everyone for their understanding and apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

Valero Aruba restart decision by January 2011

HOUSTON, Texas - Valero Energy Corp will decide in late December or January whether to restart its shuttered Aruba refinery, Chief Executive Bill Klesse told analysts on Thursday.

"The decision had been slated for mid-October. "Probably it is late December or January when we face the

decision whether we start up and that will depend on our economics at the time," Klesse told investors at the Barclays Capital CEO Energy-Power Conference in New York. Valero shut the 235,000 barrel-per-day (bpd) plant in July 2009 because economic conditions rendered it unprofitable. Other

options for the refinery have included a partner or sale.

Company spokesman Bill Day later attributed the delay to an overhaul of the refinery that had been extended to late December or early January from mid-October. Once completed, the company will decide whether to restart units depending on margins.

As part of the "Global Week of Caring" campaign

R.E. Yrausquin & Sons employees join the Lisette Gomes Foundation's Walk against Child Sexual Abuse



As part of the "Global Week of Caring" campaign, R.E. Yrausquin & Sons employees and their family members took part of the walk against child abuse, organized by the Lisette Gomes Foundation. The "Global Week of Caring" promotion is taking place from September 3 to September 30, 2010, where all Ford Motor Company employees and retirees around the world are volunteering their time and talents to make a positive impact in the communities where they work, live and play.

On Aruba, R.E. Yrausquin & Sons opted to partner with the Lisette Gomes Foundation by sponsoring the walk and by giving donation at the end of the campaign. For every auto service or auto part sold, part of the money will be put aside for donation. At the end of the

campaign, R.E. Yrausquin & Sons will double the amount collected and donate it to the Lisette Gomes Foundation. The foundation's aim is to make people aware of child sexual abuse.

The Auto dealers' employees met last Saturday after-


noon at 5 p.m. in front of Price Mart to join other groups and, with their t-shirt against child abuse on, they walked on the Vondellaan, L.G. Smith Boulevard, Adriaan Lacle Boulevard, Caya Milio Croes to end at the Aruba Entertainment Center.

The Lisette Gomes Foundation helps and guides sexual abuse victims and their family members. The foundation also gives information to the community on how to prevent child sexual abuse and how to cope with the situation in case such a horrible thing happens to your child. A foundation member accompanies victims to court during penal procedures and helps them during the whole process. The foundation is already going to different schools, giving lectures and presentations, teaching the




children how to prevent child sexual abuse and how to recognize a pedophile. Their main goal is to open shelters for children between 0 to 12 years who are victims of child sexual abuse and has no other place to stay. There they will receive all the love and guidance they need in order to integrate back into the community as strong individuals.

Photos show the many groups who joined in the Lisette Gomes Foundation walk against child abuse.



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Marines General Ton van Ede visits Aruba Marine Camp



Yesterday morning, the Aruba Marine Camp, situated at Savaneta, received the visit of the second highest Marine officer.

The commander of the Camp, Lieutenant Colonel of Marines Edwin Hofma, had the honor to welcome Major General Ton van Ede. It is the first visit to Aruba from the two-star general since his appointment as Deputy Commander of the Royal Navy.

At the Camp General Van Ede was briefed on the new

FRISC project, where the Boston Whalers will be replaced by new faster boats.

He also held discussions with a delegation of the boat crew.

The Major is well known in the Antilles; from 1987 to 1989 he was Aide-de-Camp of the Governor of the Netherlands Antilles.

On Sunday Van Ede and his delegation will return to the Netherlands.



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Lady Gaga urges Senate to repeal gay taboo in US military

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Global star Lady Gaga morphed from pop provocateur to political lobbyist yesterday, releasing a somber plea to US senators to repeal a law barring gays from serving openly in the military.

And the American diva did not just dial it in; the best-selling artist released a seven-and-a-half minute videotaped message "to my fellow Americans, the Senate... and youth all over the world who are watching."

The openly bisexual singer -- one of the gay community's

most prominent icons in a generation -- urged senators to vote to repeal "Don't Ask Don't Tell," a rule that requires gay military personnel to hide their sexual orientation or face dismissal.

In a black-and-white video posted on her website, the singer is dressed in a modest suit and tie, with a US flag as a backdrop, and looks somberly into the camera as she describes how "gay soldiers have become targets" under the 1993 rule that has seen 14,000 Americans discharged from military service,

"regardless of how honorable or how valuable they may have been to their units."

"Senators, when you are sending our men and women into war, when you are sending our wives, husbands, sons and daughters into combat, will you honor their service?" the 24-year-old singer asked.

"Will you support repealing this law on Tuesday, and pledge to them that no American's life is more valuable than another?"

Her message is largely intended for Republican senators who have spoken out against

the amendment, namely John McCain and Mitch McConnell.

"Advocacy by organizations such as the SLDN, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, have shown the inconsistent and unconstitutional enforcement of this law," the singer said.

"I am here to be a voice for my generation, not the generation of the senators who are voting, but for the youth of this country, the generation that is affected by this law and whose children will be affected."

After urging viewers to call their senators on the issue, she then pulls out a mobile phone

and makes a call herself, saying she will leave a message for her senators under her legal name: Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta.

Apparently the lawmakers, New York Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand -- got her message. After releasing her video, the singer thanked them on her Twitter account, and suggested she was ready to further press the case on repealing "Don't Ask Don't Tell."

"It means so much that you support us on this issue," Lady Gaga tweeted. "Let's get this passed. Talk monday?"



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Sci-Tech

Australian Aborigines 'world's first astronomers'

SYDNEY (AFP) – An Australian study has uncovered signs that the country's ancient Aborigines may have been the world's first stargazers, pre-dating Stonehenge and Egypt's pyramids by thousands of years.

Professor Ray Norris said widespread and detailed knowledge of the stars had been passed down through the generations by Aborigines, whose history dates back tens of millennia, in traditional songs and stories.

"We know there's lots of stories about the sky: songs, legends, myths," said Norris, an astronomer for Australia's

science agency, the Commonwealth Scientific and Research Organization (CSIRO).

"We wondered how much further does it go than that. It turns out also people used the sky for navigation, time-keeping, to mark out the seasons, so it's very practical.

"People were nomadic so when Pleiades (the Seven Sisters star cluster) was up they would move to where the nuts and berries are. Another sign and it would be time to move to the rivers to fish for barramundi, and so on."

Norris, who has studied

Aboriginal culture and historical accounts by white settlers, and made several trips to Arnhem Land in Australia's remote Outback, said his research also revealed more detailed astronomical thought.

"Clearly some thinker in the past has been sitting down in the bush, watching an eclipse and trying to figure out how it works," he said, giving one example.

"Those thoughts are then encoded in the songs and ceremonies. If you take a lunar eclipse, the story in Arnhem Land is it's the Sun Woman and Moon Man making love, and when they make love the body of one covers the other."

Norris is now searching for evidence that would put a date on Aboriginal astronomy, such as a rock-carving of a meteor strike or comet.

He is confident the Aborigines pre-dated European stargazers, including Britain's astronomy-linked Stonehenge, which is estimated at 3,100 BC, around the age of the Great Pyramid of Giza.

"We've established there is all this astronomy, what I don't know is how far back this goes. If it goes back 10,000 or 20,000 years, that makes (Aborigines) the world's first astronomers," he said.

LaCie reveals new Wireless Space network-attached storage device

This past week, LaCie announced the Wireless Space, a network-attached storage (NAS) device. Compatible with both Macs and PCs, the Wireless Space uses Wi-Fi to connect to a network, and can also serve as a wireless access point.

When connected, the Wireless Space can act as a file server so you can share files with other users. You can also use the Wireless Space as a backup location with Time Machine or other backup programs.

The Wireless Space can

also be used to store videos, pictures, and music. The device is compatible with iTunes, and with support for DLNA, you can use a DLNA-compatible device like a PlayStation 3 to stream videos to your TV.

With its wireless access point features, the Wireless Space can be used as a network router. It has also support for 802.11b, g, and n wireless networking.

The Wireless Space will be available in October in 1TB and 2TB capacities. Pricing starts at \$230.

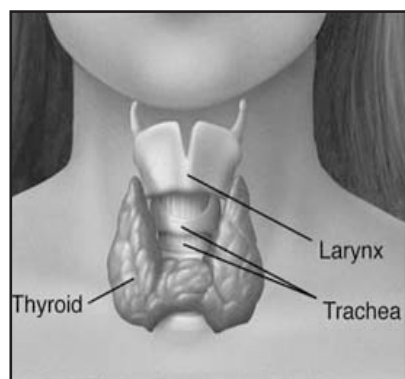


Handout photo shows an Australian plant fed via Facebook which has put proof to the adage "killing with kindness", with its fans on the site literally loving it to death, researchers said. "Meet Eater", an interactive project at Queensland state library, is watered when Facebook users become fans and post on its wall, in a project which aims to explore the emotions involved in using social media. Creator Bashkim Isai said he'd wanted to see whether people could care enough about a plant seen on Facebook to keep it alive, and had been overwhelmed by the killer response. "We found that it's been over-loved, it's actually died two times from having too much stimulation which is an interesting outcome for us," said Isai, a Queensland University student in interactive design.

AFP PHOTO

Health & Living

TIP: Recognizing hypothyroidism



The thyroid gland, found in the front of the neck just below the voicebox, produces a vital hormone that helps control your body's metabolism. When it doesn't produce enough of this hormone, the condition is called hypothyroidism.

The U.S. National Library of Medicine says the following symptoms may indicate hypothyroidism:

- * Greater sensitivity to cold.
- * Constipation.
- * Depression, feeling weak or fatigued.
- * Pain in the joints and muscles.
- * Above-normal bleeding during menstruation.
- * Unexplained weight gain.
- * Dry or pale skin.
- * Thin, brittle hair and nails.

Dengue outbreak hits south China ahead of Asian Games

BEIJING (AFP) – An outbreak of dengue fever has hit south China ahead of the upcoming Asian Games, with health authorities battling to contain the epidemic before the event opens, state media said Friday.

Eleven cases of the mosquito-borne disease were discovered over the last week in Dongguan city in Guangdong province, where some of the events for the November 12-27 Games will be held, the China Daily said.

"As the Asian Games approach, we should prevent the disease from spreading and provide a safe, healthy environment throughout the Games," the paper quoted He Jianfeng, an official at the provincial disease control

centre, as saying.

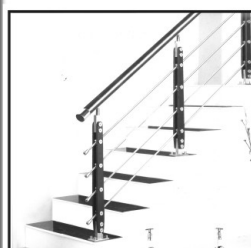
The peak season for dengue fever in Guangdong is in September and October, he said.

Monitoring for the disease has been stepped up in the provincial capital Guangzhou and other cities scheduled to host Games events including Foshan and Shanwei, the report said.

Dengue, transmitted to humans by female Aedes mosquitoes, causes a flu-like illness for most victims. One strain of it can cause internal bleeding and can prove fatal.

Up to 12,000 athletes from 45 nations are expected to attend the Asian Games, the world's biggest sporting event after the Olympics.

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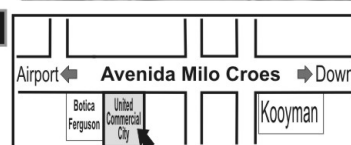


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More evidence that Glucosamine, Chondroitin won't help ailing joints

Although millions take supplements containing glucosamine and chondroitin to relieve the pain of osteoarthritis in their hips and knees, there is no evidence that these supplements have any healing effect, finds a new analysis of large-scale studies.

This latest report is one of several that have found no beneficial effect of either supplement in relieving arthritic pain. But since there is no evidence that the pills cause harm, the new report's authors say there's no reason to stop taking them if individuals think they are being helped.

On the other hand, "if a patient hasn't had these preparations [already], it doesn't make sense that he or she should be encouraged to take these supplements," said lead researcher Dr. Peter Juni, head of the division of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine at the University of Bern



in Switzerland.

The bottom line, according to Juni: "None of the two supplements we evaluated appears to have any clinically relevant benefit in terms of pain relief that could be detected by patients with knee or hip arthritis."

Over the past 10 years doctors have prescribed supplemental glucosamine and chondroitin and many millions around the world have bought them over-the-counter, the researchers said.

According to background information in the study, in 2008 sales of glucosamine supplements around the world reached almost \$2 billion -- about a 60 percent increase since 2003.

For the new study, Juni's team analyzed the results of 10 randomized clinical trials involving more than 3,800 patients with knee or hip osteoarthritis. The trials -- which all compared people taking the supplements to a control group that was not taking them -- focused on any changes in levels of pain after patients took glucosamine, chondroitin or both, comparing them with the placebo or with each other.

Poring through all the data, the researchers found no clinically relevant effect of chondroitin, glucosamine or both

taken together on joint pain or on narrowing the space within the painful joints.

Commenting on the study, Dr. Andrew Sherman, associate professor and vice-chair, department of rehabilitation medicine at the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, said that "we need to look more closely at these over-the-counter medications that claim to be panaceas and may not be giving us our money's worth."

For his part, Juni said that, "if the patient already has had the preparations and really believes in a benefit -- which is most likely related to the natural history of the disease or to a placebo effect -- in light of the fact that we don't have any evidence that these preparations are unsafe, there is no real reason to actively discourage these patients from taking these preparations as long as they can cover the cost."

Sherman agreed that some people report these supplements help them.

"Is it that they want it to help so bad or so much that they actually feel better, and that's a placebo effect? Or is it able to help a small minority of folks, just not a majority of people?" he said.

Since there appears to be no negative consequence to taking these supplements (except cost) there appears to be no harm in doing so, Sherman said.

The study does suggest, however, that the claims that the companies who produce the supplements are making "need to be reevaluated, scrutinized and criticized until such time as a large study shows that the medication works," Sherman said. "At this time no such study exists."

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View of the Spaan Lagoon



The ruins of the gold smelter next to the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon) and the Franse Pas (Frenchman's Pas)



Boca grande kitespot in San Nicolas

Crossing the Balashi Bridge to San Nicolas, on the west coast, you will find the Spaans Lagoen (Spanish Lagoon).

The Spaans Lagoen is a small bay within the two km long and up to five hundred meters wide. By the tidal force has created a special ecosystem: a wetlands (wetlands). Wetlands are areas and between rural areas and wetlands have high biodiversity. Therefore, the inner bay of great importance for waterfowl and is also an important nursery for reef fish and crustaceans.

The Spaans Lagoen area flows into Savaneta is a fishing village in southeastern Aruba. Home to the oldest surviving home in Aruba, it is the

oldest town on that island and former capital. It was where the Dutch first settled after they recaptured it in 1816. It is said that Savaneta name became during the Spanish colonization in 1840. Savaneta means Sabana chikito (small savannah).

Heading east to San Nicolas you will encounter Cura Cabai located along the west coast of the island.

Driving further you will find Aruba's second largest city, San Nicolas, with the majority of residents originally hailing from the British Caribbean to work in the Lago oil refinery.

San Nicolas was named after a man who owned of a

big piece of land there. This man was named Nicolaas van der Biest. In the early days owners of big piece of land are addressed by "Shon" with the first name after. So the people used to call him Shon Nicolaas. That later turned into San Nicolas. Some stories indicate that the Spanish influence had something to do with this.

Following east you will find Seroe Colorado. Seroe Colorado translates to "colorful hill." The name of the place refers to the 30 meters high of pure limestone at the endpoint in the east of Aruba. The hill got its name due to the brown yellowish color of the limestone.



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Earlier this week the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa hosted a large group of VIP agents, who are here on the island to experience all that Aruba has to offer.

The group of VIPs is made up of the top 100 producing agents for Dertour, which is a major affiliation of German travel and tour operators. With around 10,000 retail travel sales offices in Germany

alone, Dertour is one of the largest tour operators in Germany and Austria, offering individual holidays on a flexible modular basis. The DERTOUR product portfolio includes tours to long-haul and European destinations, specialized tours, city tours and events. It is currently the market leader in Germany and Austria for many long-haul destinations - particularly



North America.

On Wednesday, the group spent the day at Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa, where they received a tour of the property, followed by an excellent lunch prepared and served by the resort's culinary brigade in the Grand Caribbean Ballroom.

On hand to welcome the delegation of travel agents to the island and the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa were Aruba Minister of Economic Affairs, Social Affairs & Culture, Mrs. Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, Radisson's General Manager Rob Smith and Senior Sales Manager Lily Polsbroek.

After several speeches and a presentation by Dertour, the group visited a trade show, where they had a chance to meet local vendors and company representatives.

Photos show the Dertour VIP agents, including the company's CEO, enjoying their day at the Radisson Aruba Resort & Casino. They were joined by Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar, Managing Director of the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA), Myrna Jansen-Feliciano, ATA's Director of Marketing, Frits Israel, Chairman of the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA), Alex Nieuwmeier, Secretary of AHATA, Edgar Roelofs and Radisson's General Manager, Rob Smith.

Michael Jackson's mother sues concert promoters

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) - Late pop icon Michael Jackson's mother has filed suit against promoters of a concert series he was supposed to give in London in 2009, claiming they shared the blame for his death during rehearsals.

Katherine Jackson filed the suit in Los Angeles Superior Court in her name and those of the singer's three children. The suit is for an unspecified amount in damages.

The lawsuit charges that AEG is responsible for medical decisions made by Dr. Conrad Murray. He has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter in Jackson's

death.

Jackson's mother charged that the AEG group did not give her son appropriate medical care during rehearsals for the shows, and alleged negligence in allowing Murray to care exclusively for her son.

In addition, one of Jackson's sons, Michael Jr., "witnessed his father suffering and accordingly has suffered great trauma and severe emotional distress," the suit claims.

An AEG spokesman, Michael Roth, said the company had not seen the lawsuit and had no immediate comment.

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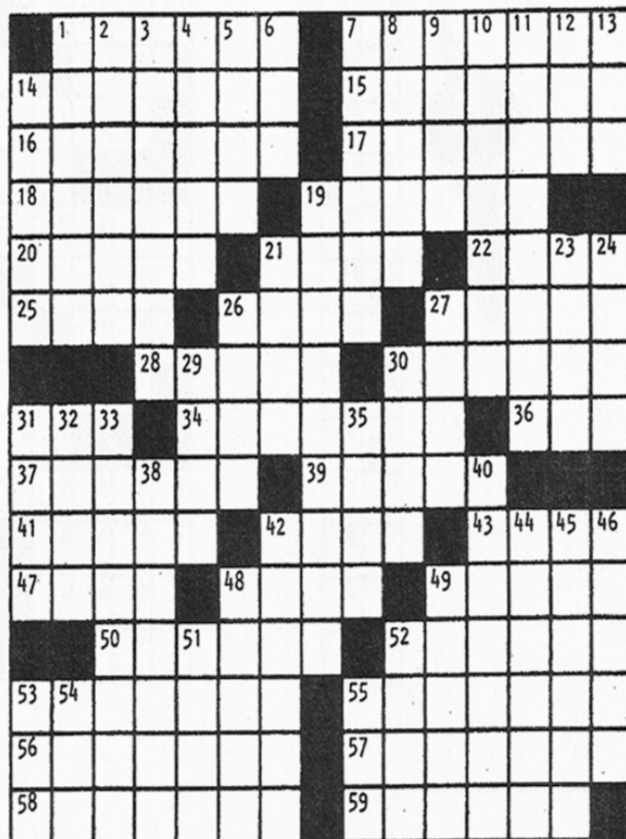
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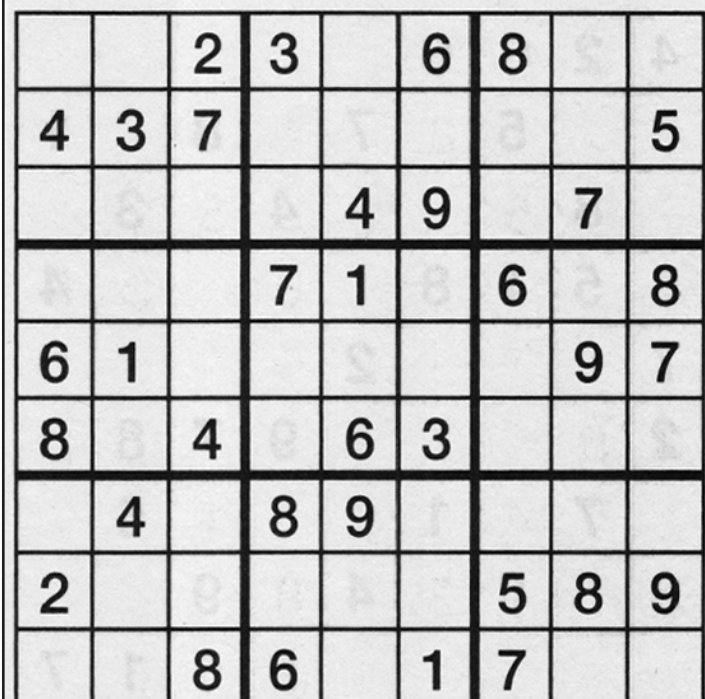
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IMF taps eight billion dollars for low-income countries

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund announced yesterday it had reached a deal with four economic powers to provide eight billion dollars worth of funding to low-income countries.

"The agreements... expand the IMF's capacity to help low-income countries hit hard by the current global crisis," the Washington-based body said.

The deals were reached with authorities in Japan, Britain, France and China.

Japan was the biggest contributor to the package, pledging 2.7 billion dollars via purchase agreements that give the fund leverage for lending. Britain pledged two billion

dollars and the Bank of China pledged 1.2 billion.

The Bank of France entered a loan agreement for two billion dollars.

The announcement came days before a United Nations summit expected to highlight the lack of progress toward the so-called Millennium Development Goals.

The goals -- which have been further hampered by the financial crisis -- include cutting abject poverty by half, cutting the number suffering from hunger by half, securing universal primary education and reducing child mortality by two thirds by the year 2015.

Japan ready to weaken yen again despite criticism

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) - Japan's finance minister yesterday repeated his threat to intervene in currency markets if necessary to weaken the yen, illustrating government resolve in the face of overseas criticism.

"As we have been saying, our basic stance is that we will take decisive steps, including intervention, if necessary, and I'd like to maintain this stance," Yoshihiko Noda said at a news conference after a cabinet meeting.

Noda was retained in Prime Minister Naoto Kan's cabinet reshuffle yesterday, following the premier's victory in a bru-

sing leadership challenge this week from Ichiro Ozawa, his pro-intervention rival.

Kan likewise suggested Japan would take further action if necessary, saying at a press conference: "We cannot take our guard down when it comes to the economy."

"So far, the interventions have worked to a certain degree," he added.

Japan on Wednesday carried out its first global currency market intervention since 2004 in an estimated two trillion yen (23 billion dollar) move to help safeguard an export-driven recovery.

European stocks close lower; gold off highs

LONDON, England (AFP) - European stock markets closed lower yesterday after a strong early rally, which also saw gold at record highs, was undercut by a slump in US consumer confidence and concerns over weaker eurozone states.

Dealers said a solid advance unravelled in the afternoon when figures showed US consumer confidence dropped to a one-year low in August, sparking fresh fears the US economy faces the risk of slipping back into recession.

Rumours -- later officially denied -- that debt-stricken Ireland might seek help from the International Monetary Fund hit confidence in the eurozone outlook, pushing Irish bond yields up sharply as investors demanded larger returns to hold them.

Dealers said the strong start for stocks and gold were driven by expectations the US authorities would keep the US economy on track at all costs, by pumping even more money into the system if necessary.

Printing more money increases the inflation risk, making gold an even more attractive safe-haven investment, they said, while companies would benefit from the looser monetary conditions.

Dealers also noted that Japan's intervention in the forex markets this week -- the first such action in six years -- to weaken the soaring yen has raised a host of uncertainties at a time when tensions are also rising between Washington and Beijing over the value of

the yuan.

In London, the FTSE 100 index of leading shares closed down 0.57 percent to 5,508.45 points. In Paris, the CAC 40 index fell 0.38 percent to 3,722.02 points and in Frankfurt, the DAX dropped 0.64 percent to 6,209.76 points.

Gold, extending gains, hit a record 1,282.97 dollars on the London Bullion Market before falling back to 1,274 dollars an ounce at the late fixing.

Bonds, another safe-haven investment, rose sharply as investors retreated from stocks.

The euro was at 1.3045 dollars around 1600 GMT, down from 1.3078 dollars in New York late Thursday.

The dollar fell to 85.77 yen from 85.90 yen, as the market discounted warnings of further intervention from Tokyo to weaken the Japanese currency.

Analyst Neil MacKinnon at VTB Capital said gold and stocks rose earlier "because the markets think the Fed will print more money before the end of this year just to ensure that the US economy remains on an even keel."

"The risk for investors is that the US economy does actually fall into a 'double-dip' (recession) and not the 'soft landing scenario' which the markets are currently discounting," MacKinnon added.

Dealers in Paris said rumours that Ireland might need IMF help forced the market into reverse, reflecting the note of underlying caution in the markets despite recent gains.

The rumours, strongly denied by the Irish finance mi-

nistry, may have done more damage as they came ahead of an Irish bond sale next week, they added.

The US consumer confidence data was disappointing, they said, driving fears the most important sector of the US economy is struggling for growth.

In New York, the blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 0.03 percent at around 1620 GMT and the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite index gained 0.42 percent in choppy trade driven by the multiple expiry of options and futures contracts.

Early gains faded when a survey by the University of Michigan showed US consumer sentiment fell unexpectedly in September to its weakest level in more than a year.

"Confidence edged downward in early September, as consumers judged prospects for the national economy less favorably," the survey's director Richard Curtin said in a statement.

Elsewhere in Asian trade, Amsterdam was down a marginal 0.04 percent, Brussels fell 0.62 percent, Madrid shed 1.20 percent, Milan lost 0.80 percent and Swiss stocks dropped 0.55 percent.

In Asian trade earlier Friday, Tokyo rose 1.23 percent as investors welcomed the prospect of a weaker yen which will boost exporters.

Hong Kong was up 1.29 percent but Shanghai slipped 0.15 percent. Sydney added 0.73 percent.

Putin invites foreign banks to invest in Russia lenders

MOSCOW, Russia (AFP) - Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said yesterday that Russia was ready to welcome foreign capital investments in Russia's banking sector.

"If solid financial institutions in the United States and Europe will invest in the capital of our key banking institutions, we have nothing against that," Russian news agencies quoted Putin as saying.

"We are considering this option and there is nothing unusual about it."

This week Russian finance minister Alexei Kudrin said Russia would seek to raise 50 billion dollars (38.5 billion euros) from privatisations over the next five years as it wants to sell stakes in some of its top companies, including the

country's two biggest lenders Sberbank and VTB.

Russian officials have said the aim of the privatization would be to make companies more efficient and to replenish state coffers, drained by the global economic crisis.

Russia's banking sector was badly hit by the crisis last year. The volume of bad loans made by banks rose sharply as the country's hydrocarbon-dependent economy suffered a 7.9-percent economic contraction last year.

Speaking to an investor forum in the Black Sea resort city of Sochi, Putin stressed that Russia had provided anti-crisis loans worth more than 2.0 trillion rubles (65.5 billion dollars) to support banks, without putting Russian lenders

first.

After the chaotic asset sales of the 1990s created a class of super-rich oligarchs and a ferocious public backlash, the government had until recently preferred to increase rather than reduce its stakes in firms.

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Kite surfing or kiteboarding is a surface water sport that uses the wind to pull a rider through the water on a small surfboard or a kiteboard (similar to a wakeboard). Generally kiteboarding refers to a style of riding known as freestyle or wake-style, whereas kitesurfing is more "wave-riding" oriented. These two styles usually require different boards and specific performance kites.

A kitesurfer or kiteboarder uses a board with or without foot-straps or bindings, combined with the power of a large controllable kite to propel the rider and the board across the water. In 2006, the number of kitesurfers has been estimated at around 150,000 to 210,000, with 114,465 inflatable kites sold that same year.

The sport is becoming safer due to innovations in kite design, safety release systems, and instructions. Riding styles have evolved to suit riders and conditions, such as wakestyle, waveriding, freestyle, freeride, jumping, and cruising.

Kitesurfing started on the island in 1998. Armando Wester, a professional windsurfer and certified instructor, and his buddies were the first ones to introduce Kitesurfing to the island of Aruba.

Since then, they have gotten more than 5,000 visitors and locals hooked on this new adrenaline rush sport.

Their years of experience, the trade winds on the island, the beautiful Caribbean Sea and the latest equipment make it an ideal and safe place for anyone to learn to kite. Kitesurfing is a hybrid of wakeboarding, hand-gliding and windsurfing for a radical new approach of kite power.

Anyone between the ages of 8 and 77 can enjoy this sport.

So don't hesitate to call Armando or visit him at the Fisherman's huts, just north of the Aruba Marriott Resort, and see for yourself what an exhilarating rush this sport really is.

Lessons start daily at 9 a.m., 12 noon or 3 p.m.

Sunday: NFL tail-gate BBQ from 10:30 a.m.

Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellowpages-aruba.com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during play-offs and championships, they regularly carry all UFC fights



& WWE events.

Buster's is a great place where island visitors and residents mix and mingle; Monday

to Thursday they close at 2:00 a.m., weekends at 4:00 a.m.

by Rosalie Klein

Clinton: Working to stay healthy for his grandchildren

NEW YORK CITY -- On a mission to keep off the weight he lost this summer for daughter Chelsea's wedding, President Bill Clinton is experimenting with a low-cholesterol, vegetarian diet.

Clinton, apparently eager to fit some exercise into his busy schedule, walked across Time Square on Thursday evening for an interview with The Huffington Post. Clinton is in New York gearing up for the Clinton Global Initiative's (CGI) Annual Meeting.

In this part of the interview, President Clinton explains the way potential grandchildren motivate him to stick to the diet, and shares one of his favorite moments from Chelsea's recent wedding to Marc Mezvinsky



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Rare sighting in Laos of mysterious beast



HANOI, Vietnam (AFP) - One of the world's rarest animals, the secretive and mysterious twin-horned saola, has been seen for the first time in a decade, conservationists say.

Villagers in Laos captured a saola in August and took it to their remote community, but it died after a few days in captivity, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) said in a statement.

The animal was photographed before its death, the first confirmed record since 1999 when pictures of wild saola were taken by automatic cameras in Laos, said IUCN, a Swiss-based network of scientists and environmental organisations.

No biologist has ever reported seeing a saola in the wild, the group said, and the species is classed as critically endangered with probably no more than a few hundred surviving.

When they learned of the animal's capture in the central province of Bolikhamxay Laotian authorities immediately sent a technical team to examine and release it, the

IUCN said. But the weakened animal died shortly after experts arrived.

"The death of this saola is unfortunate. But at least it confirms an area where it still occurs and the government will immediately move to strengthen conservation efforts there," Thursday's statement quoted the provincial conservation unit as saying.

Experts took the saola's carcass away for preservation, analysis and future study.

"This is the first saola specimen to be so completely preserved," IUCN said.

Pierre Comizzoli, a veterinarian with the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and a member of the IUCN Saola Working Group, said lack of knowledge of the animal's biology was a major constraint on conservation efforts.

The incident highlights Laos's importance to global conservation efforts because saola and several other rare species are found almost nowhere else, said Latsamay Sylavong, the national representative for the IUCN Lao Program.

Dutch big band Swing Design in action

Café the Plaza celebrates its 19th anniversary with loads of music



The upcoming 19th anniversary of Café the Plaza in the Renaissance Marketplace won't pass unnoticed: a 32-man band will be playing the stars from the sky in celebration. The musical ode will double as a warm-up for the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival, which is taking place in the weekend following the anniversary. On Wednesday, October 6, the floor at Café the Plaza is for Swing Design, a big band from Maastricht, Holland. Also expect Dutch snacks and draft beer and another top band that

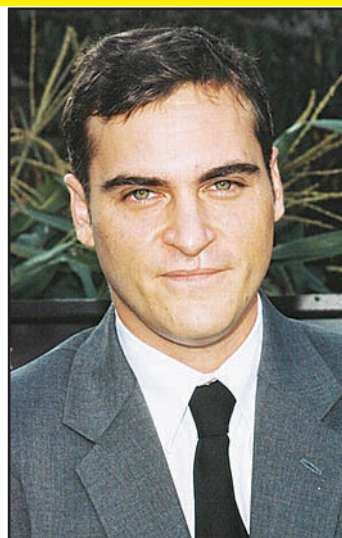
evening.

For those who are not familiar with the band: Swing Design was formed in Maastricht, Holland, in 1983. Its wide repertoire soon gained many fans; its interaction with the audience has become legendary. Although Big Band music saw its peak in the 1920's with superb bands like those of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey and Harry James, its popularity has declined, but it has never gone out of fashion. Germany can still boast of James Last; the Netherlands of

Willy Schobben, Sky Masters and Syd Lawrence. And, of course, Swing Design with conductor Bart Rademakers.

American fans who have been looking forward to seeing Swing Design in action for the sixth consecutive year at the Sun Valley Jazz Jam-boree in Idaho, will be in for a disappointment this year: the band is playing on various sunny locations all over the island, culminating in the 4th Caribbean Jazz Festival at the Cas di Cultura.

Affleck: Joaquin Phoenix 'documentary' made up



Joaquin Phoenix

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Director Casey Affleck has finally admitted that what was billed as a documentary portraying the drug-addled collapse of Joaquin Phoenix's acting career was, in fact, all made up.

In an interview with The New York Times, Affleck says that "I'm Still Here" is not the raw, painful piece of reality filming that it pre-

tended to be as it follows Phoenix over a two-year period.

"It's a terrific performance. It's the performance of his career," Affleck was quoted as saying in the interview on Thursday.

Scenes of drug-taking and prostitution were all staged, as were scenes from what was supposedly archive footage of Phoenix's family.

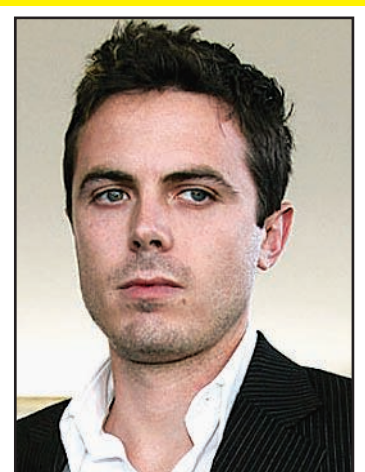
"There were multiple takes, these are performances," Affleck said.

Even Phoenix's infamously deadbeat appearance on the David Letterman talk show in 2009 was not what it appeared. Phoenix -- unknown to Letterman -- was acting throughout.

"We wanted to create a space," Affleck was quoted as saying. "You believe what's happening is real."

Affleck presented the movie at the Venice film festival in September as an "unflinching" documentary.

During some 18 months of shooting, Phoenix "never



Casey Affleck

shied away from letting me see all the different aspects of his personality," Affleck said of his Phoenix, who is his brother-in-law and who got an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of country singer Johnny Cash in "Walk the Line."

In the Times interview, Affleck said: I never intended to trick anybody.... The idea of a quote, hoax, unquote, never entered my mind.

Serbs slump as Djokovic goes sick, France eye final



Monfils celebrates his victory

PARIS (AFP) - Serbia's hopes of reaching a first Davis Cup final suffered a potentially fatal blow on Friday when world number two Novak Djokovic fell sick and allowed the Czech Republic to fill the power vacuum.

US Open runner-up Djokovic withdrew from the opening rubber of the semi-final against Radek Stepanek in Belgrade complaining of gastro-enteritis with teammate Victor Troicki, the world number 47, stepping into the breach.

Stepanek, who helped take the Czechs to the final last year, overcame Troicki 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 to leave the stage clear for teammate Tomas Berdych, the Wimbledon runner-up, to try and make it 2-0 later when he tackles Janko Tipsarevic.

The winner of the semi-final will face either France or Argentina in December's final.

France, the nine-time winners, were 2-0 ahead in their semi-final in Lyon after Michael Llodra served and volleyed his way to a 7-5, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 win over Juan

Monaco.

World number 15 Gael Monfils then saw off David Nalbandian 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 to give France a 2-0 lead.

Troicki looked untroubled by his late call-up and broke Stepanek in the opening game of the first set.

But the experienced Czech player, who has recently returned to action after suffering glandular fever and a knee injury, levelled courtesy of two breaks in the second set.

Troicki was unable to take advantage of three break points in the third set as Stepanek went into a 2-1 lead.

The Czech needed treatment for a foot injury in the fourth set, but he still had enough in the tank to take victory.

Djokovic, who had lost to Rafael Nadal in the US Open final on Monday, is understood to have made himself available to play doubles on Saturday in order to keep the tie alive.

"I heard that Djokovic wasn't going to play about three hours before the start,"

said Stepanek.

"But it's not our problem, you have to be ready whoever is on the other side of the net."

Stepanek said it was his best performance since his return to action.

"When you play for your country, you have a lion in your heart," he said.

In Lyon, Llodra, the world number 30, showed no signs off the dizziness which forced him to retire in the US Open third round to give France an opening win.

Service proved the key difference for Llodra as he sent down 22 aces compared to the Argentine's five.

"I was very nervous at the start," said Llodra. "But it's great to put France ahead. I had to focus and play my game because anything can happen in the Davis Cup."

In the play-offs to clinch a World Group place in 2011, Kazakhstan made the most of Roger Federer's decision not to play by opening a 2-0 lead over Switzerland in Astana.

Andrey Golubev saw off Marco Chiudinelli 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 before Mikhail Kukushkin defeated Stanislas Wawrinka, a player he had lost to in the first round of the US Open just two weeks ago, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

In Cairns, 28-time champions Australia were locked at 1-1 with Belgium.

Former world number one Lleyton Hewitt put Australia ahead, overcoming 22-year-old Ruben Bemelmans in scorching conditions in just over three hours 7-6 (7/4), 7-5, 2-6, 6-4.

Rochus then beat Carsten Ball 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (7/5).

In other play-offs, Brazil were 2-0 ahead over India, Germany were 2-0 up on South Africa while Israel were 2-1 in front against Austria.

Italy and Sweden were 1-1 while Romania looked set for the World Group after opening a 2-0 lead against Ecuador.

For the United States, who have been Davis Cup winners on a record 32 occasions, Fish defeated Colombian Alejandro Falla in their Davis Cup World Group Playoffs tennis match in La Santamaria bullring in Bogota, Colombia.. Fish won 4-6, 6-1, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

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Klinger leads Redbacks to semi-finals



DURBAN (AFP) - Michael Klinger hit his third successive half-century as the South Australia Redbacks became the first team to qualify for the Champions League Twenty semi-finals with an eight-wicket win over Royal Challengers Bangalore at Kingsmead on Friday.

Redbacks captain Klinger hit 69 not out and shared a second successive century opening partnership with Daniel Harris (57) as the Australian side cruised to victory with nine balls to spare after bowling out Bangalore for 154.

With three wins in three matches, the Redbacks are sure of a place in the last four, worth a minimum of 500,000 dollars in prize money.

"I'm super-proud of the boys today," said Klinger. "It was a good all-round performance."

The result meant that only one of Bangalore and fellow Indian Premier League giants Mumbai Indians can reach

the knock-out phase - and they could yet be upstaged by host nation team the Highveld Lions.

All three teams have won one match in Group B.

Bangalore, who were without South African all-rounder Jacques Kallis because of a back injury, made a bad start when they lost two wickets in the first eight balls of their innings.

Ross Taylor looked in dazzling form before Klinger brought back strike bowler Shaun Tait in the ninth over. His bold move paid off as Taylor was caught behind for 46 off 28 balls.

Bangalore captain Anil Kumble admitted: "Ross Taylor's wicket was critical."

Bangalore slumped to 76 for five but Dillon du Preez hit a breezy 46 in a sixth wicket stand of 58 with Cameron White (25).

The Indian side suffered another collapse, culminating in their last three wickets falling to medium-pacer Daniel Christian for only two runs in the last over.

Kumble said the defeat meant that Sunday's match against Mumbai at the same venue was critical.

"It is a must-win game. Hopefully Jacques Kallis will be fit."

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Vick to start for Eagles against Lions



PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania (AFP) – Michael Vick will start at quarterback when Philadelphia take on Detroit on Sunday, Eagles coach Andy Reid confirmed Friday.

Vick will be making his first start at quarterback since the final game of the 2006 season for Atlanta.

He will start in place of Kevin Kolb, who is out with a concussion suffered in the season-opening loss to Green Bay last Sunday.

"Michael is excited to step up and play," Reid said.

Vick, once one of the most popular and well-paid players in the NFL, missed the entire 2007 and 2008 season after he went to prison for his role in a brutal dog-fighting ring.

The Eagles signed him last year and he played in a dozen games

Torre to retire, Mattingly to become Dodger manager



Manager Joe Torre (L) and hitting coach Don Mattingly of the Los Angeles Dodgers have a laugh

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre announced Friday that he will retire at the end of the Major League Baseball season and the club named batting coach Don Mattingly to replace him.

The Dodgers, struggling at 72-75 in the National League West division this year, won division crowns the past two seasons under Torre, who had spent the prior 12 seasons with the New York Yankees, winning four World Series titles.

The Dodgers lost to the Philadelphia Phillies the past two seasons in the National League championship series.

"It has been an incredible honor to wear the Dodger uniform, and I will always carry with me some very special memories from the past three seasons," Torre said in a statement.

"This was not a decision I took lightly, but I believe it's the right one for myself and my family, and I'm truly thrilled that Donnie will be the one leading the Dodgers. It's time that the Dodgers had a new voice, and I have the utmost confidence in him. I know he's ready for the challenge."

Torre, who turned 70 in

Mattingly, set to start his first major league managerial post, was Torre's bench coach with the Yankees and a candidate for the Yankees job when Torre left.

"The opportunity to manage the Los Angeles Dodgers is truly an honor," Mattingly said in a statement. "There are few organizations in the world with the history, tradition and track record of success as the Dodgers. I'm looking forward to continuing what I came here to accomplish with Joe, and that's to win a world championship."

July, has a 2,318-1,990 regular-season record in 29 campaigns as a manager with stints in Atlanta, St. Louis and with the New York Mets.

NFL weekend schedule

Sunday, Sept. 19

Pittsburgh (1-0) @ Tennessee (1-0)
 Baltimore (1-0) @ Cincinnati (0-1)
 Philadelphia (0-1) @ Detroit ((0-1)
 Arizona (1-0) @ Atlanta (0-1)
 Miami (1-0) @ Minnesota ((0-1)
 Kansas City (1-0) @ Cleveland (0-1)
 Tampa Bay (1-0) @ Carolina (0-1)
 Buffalo (0-1) @ Green Bay (1-0)
 Chicago (1-0) @ Dallas (0-1)
 Seattle (1-0) @ Denver (0-1)
 St. Louis (0-1) @ Oakland (0-1)
 Jacksonville (1-0) @ San Diego (0-1)
 New England (1-0) @ NY Jets (0-1)
 Houston (1-0) @ Washington (1-0)
 NY Giants (1-0) @ Indianapolis (0-1)

Monday, Sept. 20

New Orleans (1-0) @ San Francisco (0-1)

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Mosley seeks return to title mix with Mora bout

LOS ANGELES (AFP) — Shane Mosley, whose five-title career seemed all but over after a lopsided loss to Floyd Mayweather in May, will seek to put himself back in the title mix when he takes on Sergio Mora today.

Mosley, 39, will return to the scene of two of his biggest triumphs when he faces former World Boxing Council light middleweight champion Mora, a fellow American, at the Staples Center.

"I have to get past Sergio Mora," Mosley said this week. "I thank him for taking the fight and accepting the challenge. This guy is not someone to take lightly."

"He beat Vernon Forrest. I never beat the late great Vernon Forrest. He is a competitor and he comes to win."

Mosley rocked Mayweather in the second round last May, but faded badly in the final 10 rounds.

Veteran trainer Emanuel Steward noted in his television commentary that Mosley was "looking his age" during

the fight.

Mosley, who owns a record of 46-6 with 39 knockouts, says he's "feeling better" than he did at his pre-Mayweather training camp, "landing more shots," in sparring.

The fight will be contested at 154 pounds, rather than Mosley's usual class of 147. He said that he considered opponents other than the taller and heavier Mora, whose victory in the 2005 reality television show "The Contender" gave him some prominence but also caused some boxing purists to discount him.

"I have a lot of qualities that have been overlooked because of television," said Mora, who brings a record of 22-1-1 with six knockouts to the bout. "I earned my spot on 'The Contender'."

The undercard of a promotion celebrating Mexican Independence features Mexican sensation Saul "Canelo" Alvarez taking on Argentinian veteran Carlos Baldomir.

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Record-breaker Rudisha crowned a Masai warrior

KILGORIS, Kenya (AFP) — Kenya's world 800m record holder David Rudisha on Friday made a triumphant return to his hometown of Kilgoris in western Kenya where he was crowned a Masai warrior.

This sleepy town of 3000 people, bordering the famous Masai Mara National Reserve came to a standstill when Rudisha, who broke the 800 metres world record twice last month, landed in a police helicopter, which had brought him from the capital, Nairobi.

"I am very happy to be back home among my people. It has been a while and after a long and busy season,



Kenya's world 800m record holder David Rudisha (C) sings and dance after being bestowed as a Moran-warrior (a rite of passage in the Masaai culture) during his homecoming party in Kilgoris, this past week

it is gratifying to come home and take a rest," said an excited Rudisha.

The town residents lined the streets to cheer the 21-year-old athlete, who was driven into the town in an

open-vehicle convoy, accompanied by his Maasai age-mates, dressed in red-checked blankets, who graduated to become warriors or morans, while he was away competing overseas.

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